

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

18-05-063

(Inmate Number)

Charles Dominic Dennis

(Name of Plaintiff)

99 Water St. - m1-LDR

(Address of Plaintiff)

Wilkes-Barre, PA

VS.

Officer James Sheridan,

Officer Michael McBRATH,  
Wilkes Barre Police Department,  
Attorney John Donovan, et al  
(Names of Defendants)

(Case Number)

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL  
Requested

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TO BE FILED UNDER: ☒ 42 U.S.C. § 1983 - STATE OFFICIALS  
☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1331 - FEDERAL OFFICIALS

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I. Previous Lawsuits

- A. If you have filed any other lawsuits in federal court while a prisoner please list the caption and case number including year, as well as the name of the judicial officer to whom it was assigned:

2011 - Dennis vs. Dallas Twp. Officer Feeney - Case # Unknown  
2008 - Dennis vs. Newport Twp. Police Dept, Children & Youth - Case # Unknown  
Honorable Judge Yvette Kane  
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II. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

- A. Is there a grievance procedure available at your institution?  
☒ Yes ☐ No

- B. Have you filed a grievance concerning the facts relating to this complaint?  
☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is no, explain why not Grievance procedure does not include  
police officers only correctional Officers.

- C. Is the grievance process completed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## III. Defendants

(In Item A below, place the full name of the defendant in the first blank, his/her official position in the second blank, and his/her place of employment in the third blank. Use Item B for the names, positions and places of employment of any additional defendants.)

- A. Defendant James Sheridan is employed  
as Police Officer at Wilkes-Barre Police Department.
- B. Additional defendants Michael McGRATH - Patrol Officer - Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

Att'y. John Donovan - Public Defender, Public Defenders office  
Penn Plaza Wilkes-Barre, PA.

(Other Defendants to be added in Amended Complaint)  
IV. Statement of Claim

(State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved, including dates and places. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

1. Officers wrongly arrested and detained Plaintiff at  
the plaintiffs own residence, 57 Poplar St. Wilkes Barre, PA 18702.  
Plaintiff has lived at this Address with his girlfriend, Kimberly Andrew  
since January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. Plaintiff has numerous utilities in his name at this  
address, including, Phone, wifi, electric and others.
2. Officers Sheridan and McGrath ignored Plaintiffs attempt to  
explain that he legally resided at 57 Poplar St, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702  
and falsely charged him with Criminal Trespass, Stalking, Terroristic  
Threats, Simple Assault and Harassment. These charges resulted  
in Plaintiff wrongful Arrest and incarceration in violation of the  
Plaintiffs 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights as well as other  
Civil Rights Violations. These violations will become clear and explained  
better in future filings.
3. On May 15<sup>th</sup> Plaintiff was called to central Court at 77 Water St. Wilkes Barre  
PA. Both officers Sheridan and McGrath were present as well as att'y.  
John Donovan and Plaintiff. Plaintiff did not see a Judge or witnesses but  
was held in a holding cell. Attorney John Donovan and officers  
Sheridan and McGrath tried to intimidate the Plaintiff into forwarding  
the most serious charges against him to County Court. Attorney Donovan  
did not explain Plaintiffs right to a hearing. Attorney Donovan said  
I should sign the paper and nothing else. Plaintiff demanded a hearing  
and contacted the Public Defenders office to obtain a different Public  
Defender.

## V. Relief

(State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes.)

1. Plaintiff respectfully asks the court to help Plaintiff pursue his claims of 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Civil rights violations, And pursue claims of wrongful arrest against Wilkes-Barre Police Officers James Sheridan and Michael McGrath.
2. Help plaintiff pursue claims of intimidation, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Civil rights violations against Attorney John Donovan and Officers Sheridan and McGrath. These claims will become clearer and more defined in future filings.
3. If possible Plaintiff requests the defendants be held responsible for their action and to help the Plaintiff pursue recovery for civil right violations as well as violations of plaintiffs 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights. Plaintiff respectfully requests a Jury Trial, and Summary and punitive damages the Jury sees fit to impose.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of may, 2018

Charles Dominic Dennis  
(Signature of Plaintiff)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018  
(Date)

Charles Dominic Dennis  
(Signature of Plaintiff)

Dear Clerk, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed my Petition for a Section 1983 Civil Rights Violation.

This is All I could obtain here at Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

If you could, Please send an In Forma Pauperous Application as well as any other paperwork Included.

Thank you,

Charles D. Dennis

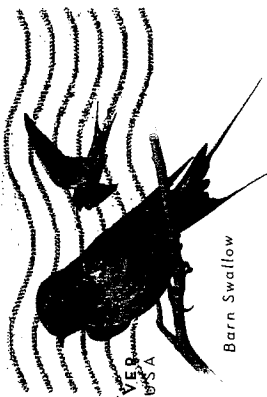
P.S.- IF Possible. Please send A Copy of this original Complaint back to me..



Charles Dennis  
MI-DRL  
Lawyer  
3-3, PA 18702

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